

I'm park Ranger Andy Pearson of the National Park Service and I want to welcome you to the March podcast of the Ranger News Network for Massachusetts area National Parks. Here's what's happening at the parks.

**-Down at Cape Cod National Seashore,**

the park offers a late winter series of family oriented nature programs. All the programs are free and most begin at 2pm. To see a complete list of programs you can visit there web site at [www.nps.gov/caco](http://www.nps.gov/caco), or call the parks Salt Pond Visitor Center at 508 255 3421 ext. 0

**At New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, in New Bedford**

AHA continues. This free series of programs takes place at the parks visitor center in downtown New Bedford the 2nd Thursday of every month beginning at 5:00pm. For more information you can call (508) 998-8253 ext 205

**-At Longfellow National Historic Site in Cambridge,**

On Sunday, March 15 at 2:00pm learn the story of Colonel Thomas Gardner's regiment and the role this group played in the American Revolution. Lecture presented by Michael Bonislowski, a Professor at Salem State College.

On Thursday March 19 at 6:00pm John Bell, researcher of Revolution-era Boston and proprietor of the blog "Boston 1775", presents a talk focused on the Powder House Alarm incident, and how that event affected the Tory families living on Brattle Street in 1774, including John Vassal, owner of the house at 105 Brattle Street.

Both programs are free and reservations are encouraged. You can call the park at (617) 876-4491 for more information.

Finally on the 29th of March, at 6:30pm "Within these Walls", a special house tour of the 250 year old Vassal-Craigie-Longfellow House This tour focuses on the distinct style of this Georgian mansion, and how it has evolved since 1759.

Space is limited for this event. Reservations are required, call the site for details. Fees apply.

**-Up at Lowell National Historical Park**

Kick off Women's Week on Sunday, March 1st at 2:00pm as Historian Elizabeth De-Wolfe tells the story of textile operative Mary Bean whose 1849 death captivated New England in newspapers and sensational fiction. This is a free program at the park's visitor center.

Lowell NHP will host a number of programs for Women's Week. Programs include: the 6:30 screen of "Girls Rock" on Tuesday March 3rd at the park's visitor center

Then on Saturday, March 7, 2009 10:30 am - 12:00 pm at the Lowell Cemetery - 77 Knapp Ave.,

Park Ranger Jim Roberts presents "Evelyn Longman Batchelder: Forgotten Master Sculptor of the Twentieth Century"

Sculptor Evelyn Longman studied under Daniel Chester French and contributed to the Lincoln Memorial. During this lecture and walking tour you will see her two works in the Lowell Cemetery:

Also on Saturday, at 1:30pm at the Patrick J. Mogan Cultural Center- 40 French St., Lowell MA

Park Ranger Tess Shatzer presents "The Forgotten Women of Lowell: The boarding-house Keepers"

Learn about the daily lives of the Boardinghouse Keeper. Gain insight into these women,

the nature of their work and the challenges they face every day.

And finally at 2:30 Park Ranger Alex Demas presents "Lowell Mill Girl Music Concert"

Learn about the daily lives of the mill girls through music. Join Lowell Park Ranger, Alex Demas, and hear some wonderful mill girl songs performed with his banjo, guitar, fiddle, and mountain dulcimer.

For more information, please visit the park's web site at [www.nps.gov/lowe](http://www.nps.gov/lowe)

**Salem Maritime National Historic Site** has a number of events coming up

At the St. Joseph Hall, you can listen in on Maritime Lecture: Poe and the Maritime Literary Tradition at 7pm. Then

on Sunday, March 22 at 2:00pm (which program is this tied to???)

The Long Road to Suffrage and Beyond: An Overview of Boston Women's Legal History

These programs are free and you can learn more at the parks web site

**-At Boston National Historical Park,**

There are numerous programs happening in recognition of the Boston massacre. For a complete list of happenings, you can visit the parks web site, and here is a highlight

On March 6th, Trial of the Century at the old state house. (scheduled times throughout the day.

Also on the 6th , Historic Voices: Boston Students Echo Boston Patriots at the Old South Meeting House and finally, on March 7th at 7:00pm, the Reenactment of the Boston Massacre

Most park areas are open on a reduced schedule so If you would like more information on any of the above programs and events or are interested in visiting any of the Massachusetts National Parks, please visit our web site at

[www.nps.gov/state/ma](http://www.nps.gov/state/ma)

This is ranger Andy Pearson for the ranger News Network., thanks for joining me.